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Building Bridges to Increase Access to Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Options in Jails

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SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION



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What Is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the U.S. Department of Justice, along with the **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)** and the **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**

BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance



BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics



NIJ – National Institute of Justice



OVC – Office for Victims of Crime



OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention



SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking



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Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

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How BJA Supports the Field



Fund

Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals



Educate

Research, develop, and deliver what works



Equip

Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes



Partner

Consult, connect, and convene

Poll Question: Has your organization been awarded federal grants in the past?

Yes, my organization has extensive experience with federal grants

Yes, though my organization does not currently have any federal grants

My organization has limited experience with federal grants

My organization is new to federal grants and looking to learn more!

SECTION 2

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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What Is the Goal?

- Support jails to increase access to opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment options during incarceration and upon return to the community.



OVERVIEW OF OPPORTUNITY

- Partnership between BJA, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- 9-month planning initiative.
- Selected sites will receive intensive training and technical assistance to support planning around expanding access to Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) in their jurisdiction.

SECTION 3

**ELIGIBILITY AND
APPLICATION
REQUIREMENTS**



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Eligibility


- **Units of government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments are eligible.**
- Priority is given to applicants that demonstrate a high need and a commitment to making a significant advancement in access to **MAT in the jail.**

Eligibility Criteria: Cross-sector Teams

- Each team must, at a minimum, consist of five people from different sectors.
- Travel funds will be provided for up to five people per team, one person per agency.
- Applicants are encouraged to include optional team members from additional sectors who bring value to the project.



Who Should Apply?

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- Jurisdictions that can demonstrate the commitment of multidisciplinary teams.
 - Jurisdictions willing to work toward a plan to implement an MAT program in their jails and to support continued access to MAT in the community upon release.
 - Jurisdictions that identify a project coordinator who can devote at least 6 hours per week of their time during the 9-month planning period.

What Are Outcomes of Participation?

- Increase stakeholder understanding of evidence-based and promising practices in the use of all three forms of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications to support MAT in jails.
- Increase stakeholder understanding that the availability of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) means that withdrawal or detox is no longer the default.
- Understand the federal requirements associated with administering FDA-approved MOUD in a jail setting.



What Are Outcomes of Participation?

- Build a comprehensive plan for initiating or expanding an MAT continuum of care within the jail from booking to release.
- Develop effective partnerships between jails and community-based MAT treatment providers.
- Plan for logistics associated with providing MAT in a jail setting.



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APPLICANT EXPECTATIONS



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Engagement: In-person Meetings

- Engage with assigned coaches, subject-matter experts, and peers during two in-person meetings.
- Meetings will be held in Washington, DC, in October 2023 and March 2024.
- Participants will receive travel and per diem costs to participate in an orientation and a closing session at the end of the 9 months.



Engagement: Site Liaisons and Faculty

- Every team or individual will be assigned a site liaison, who will meet monthly with the team or individual (virtually) for an hour to check in, provide resources and support, answer questions, and review next steps.
- Access to subject-matter experts.
- Faculty and staff will conduct on-site visits following the orientation session in September 2023.



What Is Expected of Teams?

- Cross-sector teams will:
 - Prioritize opportunities and strategies and commit to action.
 - Build a road map for local implementation.
 - Identify resources to support the implementation of the road map.



Timeline

- Solicitation opens June 27, 2023.
- Solicitation closes July 31, 2023.
- Final award decisions: August 16, 2023.
- Virtual kick-off meeting: September 2023.
- First in-person meeting (Washington, DC): October 2023.
- Monthly calls and site visits: October 2023 – March 2024.
- Second in-person meeting (Washington, DC): March 2024.
- Finalize implementation plan: April 2024.



Applications Are Due July 31, 2023

- ✓ Complete the online application form electronically at: <http://s.iir.com/2023-bridges-application>. Do not forget any additional requirements if they apply to you!
- ✓ If you have questions while applying, please reach out to COSSUP@iir.com. **We are here to help you!**
- ✓ The review committee will consist of federal sponsor (BJA) representatives and IIR.

SECTION 5

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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Frequently Asked Questions



How many applications will be selected?

We anticipate selecting up to 15 cross-sector teams.

When will selected applicants be notified?

Applicants will be notified by email on or around August 16, 2023. We will notify applicants who are not selected, but this may take an additional 2 weeks.

How do I know if I am what you are looking for?

There is no one thing we are looking for beyond what we have stated. Our best advice: if your team is interested and committed to doing the work, apply.

Questions?

Additional Questions

- Please submit any additional questions to COSSUP@iir.com.